

ALLIED LOSS ON SOMME FRONT 500,000 SAYS BERLIN

CARRANZA IS TOLD HE MUST HALT BANDITS

First Chief is Informed Villa Raid is Likely to Have Bad Effects on Present Negotiations.

COMMISSION IS AT "MARK TIME" STAGE

American Members Are Not Inclined to Discuss Withdrawal of Pershing's Men From Mexico.

International News Service:

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 20.—Reports received here today stated that Pancho Villa captured Chihuahua City early this morning.

Mexican officials at Juarez will neither deny nor confirm the reports.

International News Service:

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 20.—With the Mexican commission thoroughly alarmed over the show of strength made by Villa in Chihuahua, and the Americans apparently perfectly content to talk about anything but a definite proposition to withdraw the Pershing column, the commission today dropped back to the "mark time" stage.

According to members of the American party, the object sought by Francisco Villa in his attack on Chihuahua has been accomplished. By a successful attack on and retreat from Gen. Trevino's own headquarters the bandit chief made such a show of strength that the Carranza authorities are frankly alarmed.

Much Gold Used?

The most alarming feature, it was pointed out, is not the mere fact of the attack against a heavily garrisoned city in northern Mexico. It is said that in order to gain the center of the city, there must have been treachery on the part of a number of Trevino's troops. This treachery is said to have been effected only through the liberal use of gold by the Villista forces. This corruption of the de facto forces may be very far-reaching.

Word has gone forward to the Mexican City government that unless some drastic military action can be taken against the bandits in northern Mexico, the effect on the present negotiations will be very bad. It was pointed out that the Carranza officials that faith in the ability of the de facto military forces to clear the country of bandits and prevent their activities which the Mexican commission is trying to create in the minds of American money interests will never be realized unless a repetition of the Chihuahua incident is prevented.

Might Not Be Wise.

The American commission is evidencing reticence in proceeding with the plans for the withdrawal of the American troops. The Chihuahua incident has given the Americans another weapon in discussion of the troop withdrawal question and protection of the border, to replace the one taken out of their hands by the recommendations of military experts that the Pershing column be brought back to American soil. They have intimated to the Mexican representatives that it might not be wise at this time, in view of Villa's evident strength, to continue to discuss only the withdrawal of the Pershing column.

The instructions to the Mexican commissioners are exactly in opposition to this view. Consequently the split over the method of procedure, which developed two days ago, is no nearer healing and the meetings have become little more than debates over which program shall be followed.

VILLA FLIES IN RAGE

Kills Man He Suspects He Surrendered to Americans.

International News Service:

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 20.—The mere mention of surrendering to American authorities so enrages Pancho Villa that he commits murder, according to a legalista agent here. The agent declared that Villa was approached by two legalista chiefs last week. They suggested that he go to the border and give himself up under promise of protection.

Villa's answer, according to the tale, was to whip a revolver from a holster and shoot the man dead. The other legalista agent escaped to the American border.

Whitman and Seabury Will Be Candidates

International News Service:

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Charles S. Whitman and Samuel Seabury will be the republican and democratic candidates, respectively, for the governorship of New York at the November election. Latest returns from yesterday's primaries show that Gov. Whitman decisively defeated William M. Bennett for the republican nomination. Seabury was unopposed.

The race for the republican senatorial nomination was still in doubt early today. With 1,595 districts still to be heard from, William M. Calder was leading Robert Bacon, the choice of Theodore Roosevelt, by nearly 1,300. Calder claimed that he would win by more than 5,000.

William F. McCormack, former chairman of the democratic national committee, was nominated for United States senator by the democrats. He easily defeated Thomas F. Conway. State Comptroller Travis was renominated by the republicans.

Deep interest was attached to the vote of the progressives at the primaries. The available returns indicated that Whitman had slightly the better of Seabury in their contest for the bull moose support.

ELECTION LAWS TO BE EXPLAINED

Democrats to be Addressed by State Officials at Elks' Temple Tonight.

Election laws, registration requirements, and party organization will be the principal topics of discussion at the meeting of the Wilson club which will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Elks' temple. Several state officials, candidates and one former progressive will address the meeting, the prime purpose of which is to promote the Wilson club and explain the part it will have to play in the present campaign.

Among the prominent democrats who will speak at the meeting will be Homer Cook, secretary of state, Dale A. Crittberger, state auditor, E. A. Gast, district attorney, and a member of the state central committee, and Congressman Henry A. Barnhart, candidate for re-election from this district. Of much interest will be the address by Hon. John F. Geckler, progressive candidate for congress in this state in 1913 who has taken up the Wilson banner along with many of his own party.

Geckler to Explain Switch.

Although none of the speeches tonight will be extended as the program calls for discussion of organization, it is expected that Geckler will tell why he has cast his lot with Wilson. Geckler is making a series of speeches throughout northern Indiana, having made an address at Elkhart last night. He will talk before a democratic meeting at Mishawaka Thursday night.

Although Congressman Barnhart is not making any formal campaign speeches, he is expected to make a short talk tonight, urging upon the democrats the necessity of good organization. He will probably dwell to some extent upon national issues with which his long experience in Washington has made him familiar.

Not Opening Gun.

The Wilson club is attracting a number of former progressives in South Bend who have refused to follow in the path of the republican standpatters and the "Old Guard." The meeting tonight is not intended for the opening gun of the campaign in this county although plans for the next few weeks will be discussed by the leaders. District Chairman Gast has been making a tour of the district, getting a line on conditions and is expected to tell the Wilson club what he has found when he speaks tonight.

Three Private Banks Closed

International News Service:

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Three private banks operated by W. H. Paisley and Sons, closed their doors today. The institutions were known as the North Shore Savings bank, the Summerdale Savings bank and the Broadway and Grace St. bank. Total deposits of the three banks are said to be over \$400,000.

The failure of the institutions—which makes seven that have collapsed in Chicago in the last four weeks, was attributed to wholesale withdrawal of deposits by persons who became frightened as private bank failures became numerous.

GANG LEADERS BENEFITED BY HASTY ARRESTS

Brains of Blackmailing Combination Still at Large and Their Capture is a Question.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS TO TAKE UP TRAIL

Meeting at Capital is Called. Alleged Ringleader Surrenders to the Authorities at Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Premature arrests threaten the success of the government's prosecution of the alleged blackmailers who are declared to have cleaned up nearly a million dollars in the larger cities of the country and the summer resorts during the last nine months.

Although members of the alleged band are under arrest in Philadelphia and Chicago and others are under surveillance the leaders, the men and women who are the brains of the band, still are at large. Whether they will be captured admittedly is a question.

With a view to securing complete cooperation among all of the agents of the department and stamping out this sort of blackmail, Atty. Gen. Gregory has summoned here a number of his chief assistants. Those who will devise a general plan of campaign comprise A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation with headquarters here; John C. Knox, assistant attorney general in charge in New York; William M. Coffey, divisional chief, New York; Frank Garbino, divisional chief, Philadelphia, and H. G. Clabaugh, divisional chief, Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—The scene of the government's investigation of the "million dollar blackmail syndicate," shifted to Washington today. Secret service heads who have been working on the cases here were hurriedly summoned to the national capital late last night, to confer, it is understood, with the attorney general on ways and means to secure convictions of those already in custody.

It is admitted here that it may be difficult to gain convictions due to the disinclination of the victims to come forward and testify against those charged with fleeing them. A roster of the duped, it is said, reads like pages of the Blue Books of several cities, notably Chicago. New York and Philadelphia.

"Naturally," admitted one official today, "those who have paid fabulous sums of money to hush up the affairs do want the 'beans spilled' now that they realize they have been duped."

It was intimated, however, that the government will bring great pressure to bear on its witnesses and force them to testify.

William C. Woodward, one of the alleged ringleaders of the extortionists, has given himself up to the authorities here and was released on bonds of \$3,000. Mrs. Helen Evans, said to be the wife of George Irwin, another alleged ringleader, also was released, but the government required \$25,000 bail in her case. The other three members are still in the county jail.

Chairman F. B. Barnes of the

past committee, South Bend Indiana Centennial celebration, wants a Miss "Columbia" to receive the flags of all nations—a most spectacular part on the pageant program.

The board of directors of the Centennial association have determined to have this Miss "Columbia" nominated and elected by the people. St. Joseph county is full of fair damsels. Anyone of these from anywhere in the county is eligible to nomination and election. Both campaigns must be short. The nominations, of course, come first. The plan as outlined is simple.

Pick out the one of your lady friends whom you would like to see play the role of "Columbia" in this great 15,000 dollar production—\$5,000 performance—and fill in her name and address on the accompanying blank.

Germany to Pay For Lives Lost On Lusitania

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Germany will pay an indemnity for all American lives lost in the sinking of the Lusitania. State department officials made this plain today in discussing the court action in New York in which the Cunard Steamship Co. desires to limit its liability in damage suits to the \$91,296 received by it for fares and freight on the big liner sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast.

It is expected that the question of a complete settlement of Lusitania claims so far as Americans are affected, will be taken by Sec'y Lansing when Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returns to this city for the winter. The issues at stake had already progressed well toward the point of arranging a plan of settlement when they were interrupted by the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic on Aug. 19, 1915. When word of the disaster reached here Sec'y Lansing broke off the Lusitania negotiations, declaring that they would not be resumed until the Arabic sinking had been cleared up. Germany finally accepted responsibility for the Arabic and agreed to pay a monetary indemnity.

FIVE KILLED IN PLANT EXPLOSION

Cause of Accident at Aetna Explosive Co.'s Factory is Unknown.

International News Service:

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Sept. 20.—Five men were killed instantly and another sustained probable fatal injuries when a terrific explosion wrecked the air dry building of the Aetna Explosives Co. plant east of Mt. Union today. The dead and injured were all employed in the air dry buildings, and pieces of bodies were hurled in all directions.

The dead are: Clayton Clark, George Scayer and three men named Pyles, Bard and Olech. William Leman was seriously injured. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained, and probably never will be, inasmuch as the only survivor is probably fatally hurt. The blast rocked houses for miles around and brought people out of their homes with a rush. The air dry building was completely wrecked, sections of it being hurled several hundred yards.

Nearly 50 employees were at work in other buildings and some received minor injuries from broken glass and flying debris. All rushed from their posts fearing a general explosion.

Portions of the bodies of the dead were picked up hundreds of feet from the building in which the explosion occurred. Leman, the injured man, was found in the debris and rushed to Huntington on a special train.

FORTY KILLED IN RIOTS

International News Service:

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Press dispatches from The Hague report food riots at Chemnitz, Saxony, in which 40 civilians were killed before order was restored. The mobs, according to the dispatches, were charged by hussars, five of whom were killed and 14 wounded.

that it will be there before midnight, Friday night, Sept. 22, 1916, when the nomination will close.

The 10 receiving the largest number of votes for the nomination will have their names placed on an election ballot, and the public will then be asked to choose from the 10, the Miss "Columbia" who is to serve.

The election will have to be over by next Tuesday at midnight, so this means haste.

Of course, you may deliver your ballots at the Chamber of Commerce in person, if you wish to.

And now get busy. Use the accompanying blank. This is a place of honor on the program. Help start a spirit for your friend. Act quick and get a number of other friends to act with you. It will be great fun and good exercise. Go to it to win. Give that voting committee something to do.

But remember, the depository for your ballots is at the Chamber of Commerce. The News-Times cannot receive them.

NOMINATION BLANK

Voting Committee,

ST. JOSEPH CO. INDIANA CENTENNIAL and PAGEANT
Care Chamber of Commerce, South Bend, Ind.

The undersigned nominates

for election as "Columbia" on pageant program.

VOTE
ONCE
ONLY.

Signed

Mail to above committee, care Chamber of Commerce.

Serbians Fighting Fiercely to Regain Lost Country



SERBIAN GUNNERS AT WORK.

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The picture shows Serbians in new uniforms and shell proof helmets in a rock pass near the top of a mountain picking off Bulgarians in a trench 600 yards away. Note the gunner lying prone on his back to keep under cover and feed the ammunition into the machine gun.

The Serbians are now gaining ground in Macedonia and are continuing their drive toward Monastir.

TWO AMERICANS ON BRITISH SHIP

Affidavits of Men Taken and Forwarded to State Department.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Two American seamen were on board the British steamer Strathay, torpedoed in the English channel on Sept. 6, according to a cablegram received today from Consul Gen. Skinner at London.

The men were William Wooten, Harrison, N. J., and Bernard Sweeney, Bayonne, N. J.

Consul Gen. Skinner stated that he has taken the affidavits of the men regarding the sinking of the steamer and is forwarding them by mail to the state department.

The report does not say whether the Strathay was given warning before being torpedoed.

TAKES UP CASE.

International News Service:

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Sec'y of State Lansing today began studying assembled data in the case of the British freighter Kelvinia, sunk presumably by a German submarine, in the Bristol channel with 28 Americans on board. Officials believe, however, that the incident will not have serious results.

PATERSON, N. J.—Because Harper county, Kansas, refused to appropriate \$155 to extradite Peter Jensen, accused of forgery in Sedgewick, Kas., and arrested here, Jensen was freed.

Western Flyer Leaves Rails; Two Killed

International News Service:

KINGMAN, Ariz., Sept. 20.—The Santa Fe railway's crack flyer, the California Limited, went into the ditch a few miles east of here early today.

First reports on the accident stated that the engineer and fireman were killed and 11 passengers were injured. The engine and three cars are reported to have left the rails.

The limited was westbound and due in Los Angeles at 2:40 this afternoon. It left Chicago Sunday night. The train is made up of Pullmans, observation and compartment cars, and was considered the deluxe train of the Santa Fe system.

It is not yet known how the flyer was derailed.

STAGE BATTLE IN BOATS

Bandits Escape After Long Range Fight With Posse.

International News Service:

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 20.—A long range battle in boats has been fought off Rock Harbor by the posse led by Sheriff Hardie and the four bandits who last Friday robbed the Homestead bank of \$6,000. The possumen's boat was sunk by rifle fire and the bandits escaped to Largo Island. Reinforcements have been rushed to the sheriff and the hunt has been renewed.

CYCLIST KILLED.

International News Service:

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 20.—Fred Bunyan was killed today when his motorcycle side-swiped an automobile. Raymond Mattson was slightly hurt.

MANY INJURED IN SUBWAY ATTACKS

Rioting Breaks Out Afresh in Traction Strike—Meeting Set For Thursday.

International News Service:

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Rioting broke out afresh in the traction strike early today, after a night of violence. The apparent failure of negotiations to prevent a general industrial strike if the traction difficulty is not settled by 2 o'clock Friday afternoon caused added seriousness.

Notwithstanding the refusal of Pres't Shonts of the Interborough, to arbitrate with the carmen's union when appealed to by the merchants' committee, efforts to bring about industrial peace have not been abandoned. Another conference of business men, Mayor Mitchell, Chairman Straus of the public service commission, and probably the union leaders has been arranged for Thursday afternoon at the city hall. There is an undeniable feeling, however, that it will accomplish but little.

Despite the outbreak of violence on the part of the strike sympathizers the various transportation systems of the city were in better shape early today than they have been since the beginning of the trouble. Subway and elevated trains were running on full schedule and surface cars were moving freely.

The rioting which broke out last night continued without interruption today. Many persons were injured in attacks on subway, elevated and surface cars. Police reserves found it almost impossible to cope with the situation. Louis Will, a motorman strike-breaker, was attacked by two men and severely beaten on his way to work. His face was pummeled, eyes blackened and his scalp torn. Two striking motormen identified by Will were locked up.

North and southbound Second av. elevated trains, passing 64th st., were showered with stones and bottles. A policeman arrested Joe McGovern, whom the policeman said he saw hurling some of the missiles.

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TEUTONS TRY TO WIN BACK LOST GROUND

Begin Offensive Against the French Near Clerly and Take Trenches But Are Driven Out Later.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORIES IN BALKANS

Sofia Reports Capture of Four Villages in Macedonia. Serbians Said to be Continuing Advance.

International News Service:

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Up to Sept. 15 the total losses of the allies on the Somme front were 500,000 men, according to estimates made in an official review of operations issued here today. This fixed the British losses at 350,000 and the French at 150,000.

In their offensive, says the review, the Anglo-French forces have conquered only 1,500 square kilometers, or 3 per cent of the total territory held by the Germans in Belgium and France.

International News Service:

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, yesterday launched a fierce offensive against the French troops in the region between Clerly and the Somme river who are menacing Peronne from the northwest.

The assaults on the French positions in the northern part of this region were sharply checked, the war office announced today. In the southern section of Germany succeeded in penetrating some advance trench elements, but were ejected by French counter-attacks.

In the region of Bouchavesnes, the official communiqué states, a great artillery struggle is in progress.

TAKE VILLAGES.

International News Service:

SOFIA (via Berlin), Sept. 20.—The war office announced today that Bulgarian troops had captured four villages after fierce fighting on the entire allied front in Macedonia. It also stated that a great battle was developing to the advantage of the Bulgarians on the Rumanian front.

The battle line on which the Bulgarians have engaged the Rumanians is about 22 miles long, extending eastward to Tuzla, a Rumanian port on the Black sea, 15 miles south of Constantza.

The war office statement follows: "Macedonian front: Fierce fighting continues around Florina and the Deles plateau. We occupied the villages of Schopovo, Maitiza, Gorniprol and Delnopol.

Balkan front: A great battle on the line Moralin-Masik-Hajboja-Garaja-Kopadina-Tuzla is developing to our advantage."

VICTORY FOR SERBS.

International News Service:

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Continuing their advance into their own country toward Monastir, Serbian troops have captured from the Bulgarians two important heights east of the Cerna, the French war office announced today.

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